

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Tom Udall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "T" that loops around the first part of the name.

In his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, New Mexico's Tom Udall has earned a reputation as a thoughtful, principled and effective legislator. He is known for reaching across party lines to find common ground, for speaking his conscience, and for getting things done for his constituents and his country.

That reputation is based on a diverse and distinguished record:

- **Udall is a respected leader for improving education. As a member of the Democratic Education Task Force, he has been an influential champion for investing in our public schools and spurring bold education reform.**
- **Udall has worked to protect Medicaid and Medicare from funding cuts and to keep Social Security on solid financial footing. Additionally, he has been a tireless supporter of prescription drug price reform.**
- **Udall has fought to bring economic development to New Mexico and to provide access to capital so that people can realize their entrepreneurial dreams. He has worked to make loans and grants available for our rural communities.**
- **Udall is a vocal advocate for campaign finance reform – he successfully led the effort to close 19 loopholes in New Mexico's campaign finance laws as Attorney General – and has enthusiastically continued that fight in Congress, in order to restore public confidence in the political process.**

Tom Udall comes from a family distinguished for its devotion to public service. His family pioneered the southwest in the 1800's. His roots in New Mexico run deep, his grandmother having been born in what is now Luna, New Mexico in 1893. His father, Stewart Udall, was elected four times to Congress before being appointed Secretary of the Interior by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Tom's Uncle Morris ("Mo") Udall not only served in Congress for 30 years but also was a major presidential contender in 1976. Representative Mark Udall (D-CO) and Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR) are Tom's cousins and current Members of Congress.

Tom Udall graduated from Prescott College in 1970. In 1975 he graduated from Cambridge University in England with a Bachelor of Law degree. That fall, he enrolled in the University of New Mexico Law School and graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1977. After graduating, Tom Udall was Law Clerk to Chief Justice Oliver Seth of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Following his clerkship, Tom's legal career included appointment as Assistant US Attorney in the criminal division; appointment as Chief Counsel to the Department of Health and Environment; and partnership in the Miller Law Firm, which has offices in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces and Farmington. Tom is married to Jill Z. Cooper and they have a daughter, Amanda.

In 1990, Tom Udall was elected New Mexico's Attorney General. He made an immediate and powerful impact with his tough stands on domestic violence, drunken driving, political corruption, campaign finance reform, and abuses by special interest groups. He attacked deceptive trade practices and blocked public utility rate increases. Tom fought for better education for New Mexico's children and effective protection for consumers, especially seniors.

In 1994, Tom Udall was endorsed by every daily newspaper in New Mexico. He was easily re-elected in a landslide victory, receiving more votes than any other candidate – either Republican or Democrat – in a contested race. He was the first and only New Mexico Attorney General elected to two consecutive terms.

In 1998, Tom Udall was elected to Congress to represent the residents of the Third Congressional District – northern New Mexico and portions of the east side of the state. Udall sits on three important committees for New Mexico: Resources, Small Business and Veterans' Affairs. His colleagues elected him as a Floor Whip and as the Freshman Chair on Campaign Finance Reform.

Following his successful freshman term, Udall was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2000, capturing 68% of the vote.

Since elected to Congress, Udall has received praise from an increasingly wide range of colleagues and commentators:

The *Farmington Daily Times* wrote, "...the job of those we send to Washington isn't supposed to be just bringing home the pork barrel projects and catering to the masses. He or she is also supposed to do what's best overall for the people of his home district and the rest of the country. That involves decisions that may

not be popular. Udall has shown he's willing to do just that. He should be commended."

The *Santa Fe New Mexican* wrote, "He's struck a nerve: Only a few months into his Capitol career, Tom Udall found an issue with which many of his constituents can identify. That issue is the high price oldsters are paying for pills."

The *Rio Grande Sun* wrote, "...Tom Udall earns an A+ with his charges this week that senior citizens pay more for their prescription medicines than "favored customers" who he described as the federal government and health maintenance organizations...He's up against some powerful lobbies, but Congressman Udall has broached a problem that has needed addressing for a long time. Yep, an A plus for Tom Udall."

Udall's accomplishments include:

Improving Education

Securing books and equipment for New Mexico schools and libraries; Voting to increase national education funding and providing grants; Rallying support in Congress for reducing class sizes and hiring qualified teachers; Championing the E-Rate program, which provides technology funds to our poorest schools; Sponsoring financial aid workshops for college-bound students; Introducing legislation with Senator Jeff Bingaman to direct oil, gas and mineral royalties to the states for education funding; Ally of the education community.

Reforming Health Care

Co-sponsoring the Patients' Bill of Rights to put medical decisions in your doctor's hands, not an HMO bureaucrat; Co-sponsoring legislation to provide a prescription drug benefit as part of Medicare and to force pharmaceutical companies to end high pricing of drugs; Writing legislation to protect citizens who were dropped from their Medicare+Choice coverage; Sponsoring Medicare information forum to provide information to seniors being dropped from their HMO coverage.

Expanding Economic Growth

Fighting for a balanced budget and fiscal discipline to help lower interest rates and keep the economy growing; Promoting new funding for small businesses and rural areas; Assisting New Mexicans with grants and other forms of support for growth; Advancing new skills initiatives for New Mexican workers; Supporting

the development of e-commerce, including extending the moratorium on Internet taxes; Advocating targeted tax cuts that will help, not hinder, New Mexico families; Hosting National Business Summit in Washington for business leaders; Supporting public and private partnerships to expand new markets; Stimulating and sponsoring new industries to New Mexico.

Reforming Government

Co-sponsoring the Shays-Meehan Campaign Finance Reform bill; Co-sponsoring the first major campaign finance law to pass in a generation, which closed a loophole that allowed political organizations to raise and spend money in secret; Holding the government accountable for workers who became ill due to their government employment.

Strengthening Communities

Defending the Cops program to add 100,000 officers to America's streets; Writing legislation to add law enforcement and prosecution resources for citizens who violate gun laws; Helping low-income families build economic security through education and job training opportunities; Co-sponsoring the Bulletproof Vest Grant Partnership Act to ensure that all law enforcement officers have bullet proof vests; Demanding Congress reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act to provide resources for victims of domestic violence; Supporting housing and transportation grants and initiatives to enhance local communities and commerce.

Protecting the Environment

Ensuring a more balanced approach to our natural resource laws; Working with Senators Bingaman and Domenici to secure the Baca Ranch in northern New Mexico for public recreation; Drafting legislation with bipartisan Members of Congress to create CARA, which provides conservation grants to local communities; Holding hearings to study federal policies which led to the Cerro Grande fire; Fighting to ensure a balance between environmental policy and local communities; Passing common-sense legislation to protect and enhance the New Mexican way of life.; Passing an amendment to force the National Park Service to alert local communities before they conduct prescribed burns.

Keeping Promises to Veterans

Co-sponsoring legislation to expand medical benefits to all Veterans; Seeking a Veterans Clinic in Santa Fe; Supporting a GAO study to monitor wait times at VA clinics; Voting to increase funding for the Montgomery GI bill; Urging Congress to provide a strong budget for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

In addition to his work in Washington, Udall is proud of his success in cutting through government red tape to help New Mexicans - recovering lost Social Security checks, securing long-overdue military medals, winning approval for small business loans, and delivering prompt relief for the victims of the Cerro Grande fire.

Udall is also proud of his close connection to the people of New Mexico, which he maintains with his frequent visits and events in the Land of Enchantment. To date, Udall has held many town hall forums and office hours to update his constituents about his work in Washington and to receive an unfiltered taste of their views and concerns.

Throughout his career, Tom Udall has been a leader in the most critical issues facing our state and our country. He will continue to use his common-sense style to forge bipartisan solutions to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.